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BENEVOLENCE.

AMERICAN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Rooms, 52 Washington Street, Boston.

Importance of Revivals in Colleges.

An Agent of the American Education Society in

the Western States, suggests the following thoughts

in a letter to the Directors.

"Nothing now seems to us to be so vital to the

education of the West, (and may I not add,

the East also?) as revivals in our academies and

colleges, and especially in the latter. Though we

are many young men ready to commence an educa-

tion, yet it is a most painful reflection that we

must wait eight or nine years before these men

can enter the field; the desolations of Zion, in the

mean time, are every day becoming more extensive,

and alarming. Now could revivals be promoted

in all our colleges, might we not hope, that hun-

dreds of our students, soon to graduate, would find

the power of divine grace, and turning their atten-

tion immediately to the ministry, would form in three

or four years be occupying the prominent posts of

Zion? And cannot a result so earnestly to be de-

sired, and prayed for, be brought about? Would

not God bless such an attempt, while he calls his

people to pray the Lord of the harvest? And

can there not now be found some man, in whom is

the Spirit of the living God, who will devote his

whole time, in going from one college to another,

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at the Tract Depository.

SELECTIONS.

FAITH MANIFESTED IN THE LIFE.

Christ, by whom we have been reconciled to God,

is proposed to us as an example, whose character we

should exhibit in our lives. What can be required

more efficacious than this one consideration? In

deed what can be required besides? For if the

Lord has adopted us as His sons on this condition,

that we exhibit in our life an imitation of Christ,

the bond of our adoption; unless we add and de-

vote ourselves to righteousness, we not only most

perilously revolt from our Creator, but also aban-

don Him as our Saviour. The Scripture derives

matter of exhortation from all the blessings of God

which it celebrates in us, from all the parts of

our salvation.

The Apostle denies that any have rightly learned

Christ, who have not been taught that they must

put off the old man, which is corrupt according

to the deceitful lusts, and put on Christ. Their

knowledge of Christ, then, is proved to be a false

and injurious pretence, with whatever elegance

and partly true. Perhaps indeed it is wholly so,

if the words be rightly interpreted; but if I under-

stand these whom I have heard express this senti-

ment, they mean just this: "Every man who

claims to be a Christian, whose general conduct to-

wards his fellow men is marked by honesty and

kindness, should have his claim allowed."—A

Revelation from God is in our hands, so plain,

by common consent, that even "a fool need not err

therein;" systems of doctrine and even of duties

are drawn from this, as various and contradictory

as can well be conceived, and yet the supporters of

ed to mention the time, he named three days afterwards, and informed his audience of the appointment.

Punctual to his engagement, the Native Christian appeared, with an Arabic, and a Hindoo Testament; and on being recognized by those present, and invited to commence the discussion, he presented the Arabic Testament to the Mowla, and retained the Hindoo Testament for his own use. The Mowla, not so much acquainted with the Testament as the Koran, searched in vain for the passage which he wanted; when his opponent requested him to state its meaning, and he could probably immediately refer to it. He expressed the meaning of the passage he intended, when the Christian immediately perceived, he referred to our Lord's promise of the Holy Spirit, which the Mussulmans frequently urge is predicated of Muhammad; and directed him to the latter part of chap. xv. and the commencement of chap. xvi. of St. John.—These parts being accordingly read and commented on by the Mowla, the Mussulmans present began to rejoice at this evident prediction of the Prophet; when our brother begged them to allow him to read the whole of both chapters, with one or two other passages in which the person here called the Holy Spirit is mentioned, and they would then better see if the words could, as they supposed, refer to the Prophet. This being granted, they listened most attentively, while he read and explained both chapters; and while he showed them that the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, here spoken of, is the same as the Holy Ghost spoken of in Acts i. 8. "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you."—This, his learned antagonist immediately allowed, and the hearers, of course, assented to the acknowledgment; when the native preacher said, "Now you see, that the apostles were to wait at Jerusalem, till they were endued with power, and that were not the apostles dead, and Jerusalem itself destroyed by the Romans, long before Muhammad made his appearance? Must not every one of those to whom Christ addressed the words have been dead within 1000 years after he had spoken them; and did Muhammad appear 600 years after that event? How can they then be spoken of him? His candid opponent was at once convinced, and assured him, before all the people, that he had given a fair explanation of the passage, and begged to know how he could express his respect for him. He replied, by declaring before all this assembly your opinion of this volume, the New Testament.—Is it a false translation, or may it be relied on? "I protest before you all," said he, "that this is, I fully believe, a true version of the New Testament, and may be read without fear of fraud or interpolation."—

"Now," said our brother, addressing them in his turn, "You hear what this learned Mowla says. You acknowledge his skill, and learning, and piety; from henceforth then no longer repeat to us, when we reason with you from this volume, the common but unfounded objection, that the text is vitiated. All agreed in the reasonable manner of the request, and after parting in a friendly manner from the Mowla, he returned with the approbation, instead of the contempt and hatred of the hearers. "Thus," said he to me, in relating some of the occurrences, "has God graciously magnified his word in the presence of my countrymen; and thus has he encouraged my hope of the coming of his kingdom."

INTELLIGENCE.

ASSOCIATED METHODIST CHURCHES.

A convention of ministers and lay delegates from various parts of the United States, assembled in the city of Baltimore, on November 24, for the purpose of forming a constitution and book of discipline for the government of the Associated Methodist churches. The Rev. Dr. Francis Waters, of Maryland, president, and Messrs. Lippard and Stockton were appointed Secretaries. The convention continued in session nearly four weeks. The following is the preamble of the constitution adopted by them:

"We, the representatives of the Associated Methodist Churches, in general convention assembled, acknowledging the Lord Jesus Christ, as the only head of the church, and the word of God, as the sufficient rule of faith and practice, in all things pertaining to godliness, and being fully persuaded, that the representative form of church government is the most scriptural, best suited to our condition, and most congenial with our views and feelings as fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and, whereas, a written constitution, establishing the form of government, and securing to the ministers and members of churches their rights and privileges, is the best safeguard of Christian liberty; we therefore, trusting in the protection of almighty God, and acting in the name and by the authority of our constituents, do ordain and establish, and agree to be governed by the following elementary principles and constitution."

1. A Christian church is a society of believers in Jesus Christ, and is of divine institution.

2. Christ is the only Head of the Church; and the word of God the only rule of faith and conduct.

3. No person who loves the Lord Jesus Christ, and obeys the Gospel of our Saviour, ought to be deprived of church membership.

4. Every man has an inalienable right to private judgment, in matters of religion; and an equal right to express his opinion, in any way which will not violate the laws of God or the rights of his fellow men.

5. Church trials should be conducted on Gospel principles only; and no minister or member should be excommunicated except for immorality; the propagation of unchristian doctrines; or for the neglect of duties enjoined by the word of God.

6. The pastoral or ministerial office and duties are of divine appointment; and all the elders in the church of God are equal; but ministers are forbidden to be lords over Gods' heritage, or to have dominion over the faith of the saints.

7. The church has a right to form and enforce such rules and regulations only, as are in accordance with the Holy Scriptures, and may be necessary or have a tendency to carry into effect the great practical system of Christianity.

8. Whatever power may be necessary to the formation of rules and regulations, is inherent in the ministers and members of the church; but so much of that power may be delegated, from time to time, upon a plan of representation, as they may judge necessary and proper.

9. It is the duty of all ministers and members of the church to maintain godliness, and to oppose all moral evil.

10. It is obligatory on ministers of the Gospel to be faithful in the discharge of their pastoral and ministerial duties; and it is also obligatory on the members, to esteem ministers highly for their work's sake, and to render them a righteous compensation for their labors.

11. The church ought to secure to all her official bodies the necessary authority for the purposes of good government; but she has no right to create any distinct or independent sovereignties.

The Constitution contains seventeen articles; the first and second are as follows:

ARTICLE I.—Title.—This Association shall be known as the Associated Methodist Church, comprising the Associated Methodist Churches.

ARTICLE II.—Terms of Membership.—1. There is only one position required of those who apply for membership in an Associated Methodist Church, viz: "A desire to flee from the wrath to come,

and be saved by grace, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ; with an avowed determination, to walk in all the commandments of God blameless."

But those who may continue therein must give conformity to such rules of moral discipline as the word of God requires.

2. There shall be a state of probationary privileges, in which persons shall be held as candidates for admission into membership in this church, preparatory to their being received into full membership, by a compliance with the terms thereof.

3. The children of our members, and those under their guardianship, shall be recognized as enjoying probationary privileges, and held as candidates for membership, and may be put into classes, as such, with the consent of their parents or guardians.

The Associated Methodist churches, we understand, now number between 3 and 400 ministers, and between 30 and 40,000 communicants. They are seeders from the Methodist Episcopal church, and resemble the Presbyterians in conferring upon the people a share in the government of the church, and in abolishing the order of bishops, and other distinctions of the clergy.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The last Missionary Herald is full of animating intelligence, fitted to kindle the missionary zeal of every evangelical Christian. Indeed, a new impulse appears to be communicated to the cause of Foreign Missions, which we trust will increase in vigor and energy, as it spreads through the land. Missions are the glory of our Churches, and a living proof that the Lord Jesus is in the midst of them—a proof which cannot be kept out of sight or greatly obscured by the bitter malice of the irreligious and the cold sneers of the worldly. The feelings requisite to the successful prosecution of the arduous work of a Foreign Mission, can be awakened only by the evangelical doctrines of the Cross; and when the Magicians have ceased to do so with their enchantments, they have failed, and been compelled reluctantly to acknowledge, that this is the finger of God.

In a letter from Mr. Goodell, dated Malta, July 21, 1839, it is stated that "Assad Shidick is still alive, and there is every reason to believe that he lives and obeys the truth, that he is sanctified by it, routed and grounded in it, and ready to suffer for it." The same letter mentions Elias El Foz, El Hadad, and Tannous, young men of Syria, "as cordial believers."—Messrs. Kugler and Golat, of the Abyssinian Mission, arrived at Massowah, on the borders of Abyssinia, on the 25th of Dec. last. The Herald contains an interesting account of their journey.—We make the following extracts of communications from American Missionaries.

CONSTANTINOPLE AS A MISSIONARY STATION.

From a letter of Messrs Smith and Dwight. We have been surprised to find, that there has not been a single Protestant clergyman here, since Mr. Levey's departure, nor are we able to learn that any is expected. Does it not bring a just reproach upon Protestant nations generally, that so many of them have diplomatic missions here, and every one without a chaplain, while the Catholic Europeans have seven churches well supplied with priests? Should it be said, that the Catholics are more numerous than the Protestants, this very reply gives occasion to an additional charge; for what has occasioned this disproportion of numbers, but the activity of the Catholic church, and the patronage uniformly afforded to its efforts, by the diplomatic representatives of the Catholic nations? Will not every pious American wish most earnestly that his country may not participate in this neglect of the institutions of the Gospel, and the activity of the establishment of an American clergyman here, the United States may be known at the commencement of its relations with the Porte as a religious nation! Such a person, although the number who speak the English is small, probably less than fifty, would be welcomed with joy, by several who have frequently expressed to us their regret at the absence of the means of grace; and as it so happens that a number have been educated in the Presbyterian church, our own forms would not be unacceptable. We do, therefore, heartily, and with great confidence, recommend to our countrymen, that they should station here by our society, who, by the influence of his piety, pulpit talents, and general character, may gather a flock, and bring under a religious influence the members of this Protestant flock, who are now scattered without a shepherd; and at the same time increase their number by inducing other Europeans to forsake the fallacies of the church of Rome for the pure principles of the Gospel. These two objects might be accomplished by a distinct branch of labor, and would be sufficient to occupy the time and talents of one man.

CONDITION OF THE CHEROKEES.

From a letter of Dr. Butler, dated Haver, Sept. 22, 1839. Since the Indian question has been in agitation, I have, so far as I am able, noticed the movements of the Cherokees and their friends, and of their enemies. I have often been grieved at the unfounded assertions made to the disadvantage of the Cherokees; and those respecting their degraded state, their state of barbarism, their savage state, their narrowness to extinction, &c. &c. I have been acquainted personally with the Cherokees, and have seen the nation for ten years, and know their state to be untrue. Last September I saw Mr. H., whose statements, or rather inquiries to me, proposed to him respecting the state of the Cherokees, were presented to Congress last winter. We conversed together freely on that subject. He stated that he lived on the borders of the nation and had been acquainted with the Cherokees for a number of years; and that he had seen the progress of their rapid improvement in the arts of civilized life; that they appeared to him to be doing well, and that he thought in justice to him to be let alone; he thought they could never be placed in another situation where they would improve so rapidly as in their present one; provided the whites would not molest them.

Those who have made statements with regard to Cherokee starvation, are certainly very ignorant, or guilty of gross misrepresentation. I know from personal observation that there are a large number of families, who raise considerable quantities of corn and wheat to sell; and many of these are full Cherokees who speak no English. From an extensive acquaintance I cannot select a family that does not raise corn and meat. Though some few may not raise enough for family consumption. During some seasons I have had to purchase considerable quantities of corn and meat for the interior of the nation. I could at any season purchase as much as I wished. Last season, while travelling on the frontiers of Georgia, I well recollect seeing wagon-loads of corn going from the nation to supply the settlers in that State. Drovers of beef cattle and hogs are driven annually from the nation to the different States. A few weeks since, not less than 200 hogs were driven from this city to the northern market; and I think many numbers were collected in previous years. While speaking of Cherokee starvation, their tables are undoubtedly sometimes spread with meat which the alleged half-starved Indian has done for his surplus stock. When meat has been the justice of their cause, the unjust and cruel enemies stand on the falsehood and slander, instead of argument, used against the Indians, I cannot but think favorably of the cause of the Cherokees. I have never seen the Cherokees more numerous than they now are. It is not known that any one now thinks of emigrating, unless it be a few who live in the northern part of the nation, who emigrated about twelve years since, and have repeatedly renounced the promise of removing. The Cherokees generally feel that their cause is the cause of justice, and that their rights will be maintained in the court of the United States, where they rest all their hopes. Mr. Ross told me a few days since, that his hopes of success were never greater, and that the uncommon union of the Cherokees was a great encouragement.

STATE OF THE CHOCTAWS.

Since the report of Mr. Kingsbury was written, the agitation and distress among the Choctaws have been very great, and the formation of another treaty, early in September. The treaty will be brought before the Senate of the United States for ratification during the session of Congress. If it shall be ratified and carried into effect, all the Choctaws, except such as choose to retain small reservations and live in the laws of the State of Mississippi, are to be removed within two years and a half from the ratification of the treaty. Under date of Sept. 20th, Mr. Cushman, an assistant missionary at Hefron, writes:

"Universal gloom and distress pervade the minds of the people. What the end of all these things will be, is known only to Him who sees the end from the beginning. The contrast between the Christian and the pagan parties during the sitting of the council was very striking. In the camp of the one all was decorum and Christian sobriety. With the other all was profanity, intemperance, and confusion. There have been in the nation nearly ten years. It is three years since we came to this place. The people in this neighborhood were then savage and brutal. We have since found that we had but little idea of the abominations of the heathen. They kept much concealed from us. But we have been allowed to see them transformed into another people. They became sober, industrious, affectionate, and pious, and were going forward with the full anticipation of soon becoming a civilized and Christian community. But the scene is again changed. This happy and progressive state of society is all broken up. Disappointment and discouragement have taken the place of pleasing hope and animated zeal. I think, dear sir, that you can readily believe that when we call to mind all these things, and also witness the distress of some of the dear members of our church, who literally turn pale and faint, at the bare recital of their situation, our feelings are not to be described. We hope to be of some benefit to the Choctaws while they stay."

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POETRY.

INDIAN WRONGS.

The following spirited lines are from Mr. Mellen's Poem, delivered before the Phi Beta Kappa at the last celebration in Cambridge.

And well it were, America, for thee,
Could France's broad pen record but only
But while in her breast she reveals thy name,
She will not dash the story of thy shame!
Already blazoned on the flying page,
Speeds the foul tale that thrills through every age—
Already there a blushing world shall read
Of horrid perfidy, the crowning deed.
Nay—tell me not of freedom—'tis but dust,
And all it touches withered and accursed;
I feel no freedom where one creature howls,
Crushed by a nation that forgets its vows;
I feel no freedom—none—but with the dead!
My country preys—and her glory fled!
And yet that judge not by what seems within,
But guide your sympathies by tint of skin;
Who deem that truth, to God and virtue dear,
May turn to faction in an Indian's ear,
And that no nation lingers with the dead
Whose simple ties are wampum and the bead;
Go—and though scorn may gather on your brow,
And slighted faith plead vainly with you now,
Yet on the far unveiled future
The fearful judgment of the past I see—
The stern tribunals where all lips are dumb—
A death-bed and a conscience yet to come!
And when a race of whiter hearts than *we*,
Shall gather round your loved ancestral tree,
And bid you from its shadow forth to roam,
And seek some new and visionary home,
Tremble your heads, and give to long despair
All bright and blessed hopes that cluster there;
Then breathe not—think not—but in peace depart,
Veiling the spirit's ire and burning heart—
Let the sealed lips in that second hour
Confess the justice, and admit the power!

PARENT'S DEPARTMENT.

SYMPATHY AND CHEERFULNESS.
An extract from "The Listener," by Caroline Fry, a work published the present year in London.

"It was the second evening of my visit, that sitting with my friends alone, intent on the growth of the just-lighted fire, whose gay crackling made one rejoice that the chill of an autumn evening had afforded excuse for lighting it, I remarked on what I had seen, and added—a word of compliment that needed no sacrifice of truth—that the neighboring poor were favored by Providence, in that, having no children of their own, it had disposed their hearts to become the parents of all around them. The lady smiled, and asked why I thought they had no children. Certainly I had no reason to think so, except the want of a reason to think otherwise; and not immediately replying, she added, 'Our two girls are gone to school for some years in London, and our boy is at Eton.' I had started a fruitful theme—a mother's tongue will rarely wear it out. She spoke of her girls' afflictions—of the tears they shed at parting—of her longing anticipation of their return. Once interrupted her to ask why she parted from them. 'It was for their good—for the advantage of better masters—that they might mix with other girls—that they might not be without the advantages others have, whose parents live more in the world. She could not be so selfish as to deprive them of these, for the sake of sparing herself this painful separation.'

"I am more disposed to listen than to talk; but it passed over my mind, that had I a child, to have it brought up in such a house as this I would pay double what they paid to send theirs out of it. I had not heard there a single word I should not wish my child to hear—I had not seen a thing I should not desire her to imitate—I had not even missed a thing I should be careful for her to acquire—and the company I had met there, were such as I should desire her to form connexion with. For what advantages were these children gone abroad? I asked to whom they had committed so important a charge. My friend replied that it cost him much anxious care to determine where to send them—he had inquired widely, and chosen the school that seemed, from all he heard, the most desirable. In the single interview he had with the lady, he was much satisfied of herself. I asked permission to visit the girls on my return to London, and receive them at my house. It was granted gladly; the father assuring me that to know them under the observation of a friend he could rely on, would be a great satisfaction, while he was too far off to watch them himself. Why did a parent choose to be so far off?

"I returned to town, and repaired with my letters of credit to the school. I was shown into a room, very neat, very clean, very cold—the chairs stood with their backs to the walls—they looked as if they were made to stand there—the sofa looked as if it was made to wear its handsome covering—the bright bars of the grate, filled with cut paper, seemed determined on perpetual summer—the carpet beamed in vernal freshness, as if few were the footsteps privileged to tread it. Over the chimney hung a large bunch of flowers, beautifully painted; but like no flowers that ever grew, unless it might be in Eden. By the side of them hung a crayon head—beautifully executed also, could the head and the hair have agreed upon the angle of inclination that became them. The lady of the house appeared, and received me with much politeness. She was well dressed, and, for any thing I could exactly specify to the contrary, well-bred. Yet I know not how it was, the first thing that came to my mind on seeing her, was the refined, elegant, sensible mother I had parted from—it was not from the resemblance, certainly. She had one of those faces which the inexperienced call good-natured, because they are round, fresh, and lively; a physiognomist does not say so. She talked much and sensibly, and very religiously—that sort of way in which people talk, whose right to be called religious has never been questioned by others, nor for a moment doubted by themselves. She passed high encomiums on her pupils, their talents and behaviour; but wished they could forget their parents and their home—it would be better if their mother did not write so often. She then praised their previous education, and wished all her pupils were religiously brought up—some girls came there with such habits and ideas collected at home, it was scarcely possible to prevent their doing mischief to others, or to make them conform even exteriorly to the principles on which she educated her pupils: their parents, too, were so suspi-

cious of religion, she was obliged to allow many things she did not approve; and that even for the children's sake, who might else be removed, and placed where they could learn no good at all. This was true; but it reminded me of once opening a green-house window to cool some plants that would not bear the heat, by which I killed all those that had been used to it.

"The pupils followed; tall, delicate girls of twelve and fifteen years. The governess did not leave them with me. What, I thought, can the father's friend say to the father's child, that needs be listened to? I gave them their mother's letter; they presented it to their governess to read. What, I thought again, can a mother write to her own child, that a stranger presumes to scrutinize? When I talked of their home, I remarked that a tear came to the eye of the elder, while an arch smile played on the face of the younger. The governess remarked it, and commending the latter, gave a gentle reproof to the other. I remembered what that home was, and claimed most fellowship with the feelings of the elder.

"The girls came often to my house, and it being perceived that I was confided in by the parents, I was even once or twice allowed to look in upon them at their studies. The governess, in truth, had no cause to fear inspection. Though of a rugged temper, and feelings sufficiently obtuse, she conscientiously fulfilled the duties she had engaged for. She was not the mother of her pupils—she was not pledged to be—but she was their instructress, just, careful, clever. She did not love them—how could she love a dozen fresh comers every year, whom, at the end of it, she might never see again? But she treated them kindly, and was anxious for their improvement. She could not know their characters—how could she, when she never saw them freed from the form her presence imposed? But she managed them upon some broad principle, and instructed them upon some mechanical system, that, no doubt, suited all tempers and capacities. In short, there was nothing to blame; and when I compared the unfurnished rooms, and uncomfortable meals, the harsh orders and captious replies, the slovenly dress and not-over-cleanly habits, the restraint before the governess, the rudeness in her absence, the rivalry, bitterness, jealousy, and impertinence, that ever will prevail, where twenty persons, young or old, are compelled, without their choice, to dwell together in perpetual competition, without the softening influence of natural affection, early habit, and united interest—when I compared all this with the elegance, the indulgence, the peace, the love, that pervaded the home of these children, doubtless the fault was mine, that I did not immediately perceive the advantages to be derived from such a change.

"Talking with the girls in private, expressly for the purpose, I found how differently each one was affected by the change, according to her different character. The elder's heart was all at home. Did she like music, drawing, reading? She used to like it, when she was at home, but she did not now. Did she like her school-fellows? No: one was ill-natured, another proud, another stupid. Mistake, suspicion, dislike, feelings she could never in her home have known, were evidently among the lessons she had learned. She should wish never to know any one when she left school, but her papa and mamma. The younger wanted to go home of course—but she should not like to live always in the country. It would be so many to have no companions, and see nothing of the world—Miss P. had invited her to a child's ball; she wished I would ask her mamma to let her go—there could be no harm in going once to see what it was like. Did I think her mamma would let her have a pelisse like Miss B.'s—the things they had in the country looked so old-fashioned in town. Her governess would not let her go home with Miss F. because they were what she called worldly people; but for her part she thought them a great deal more good-natured and pleasant than herself, who was always talking about religion. I was to be sure to tell her mamma that she liked French now, because she had got above a whole class of ill-natured girls who used to laugh at her when she came to school; now she could pay them back again. While the one talked only of her discomforts, her wrongs, her dislikes, in a tone of discontent and ill-humour I could not but blame extremely, the other talked of her triumphs, her discoveries, and her new waked desires, in a way that satisfied me she had learned too much. I doubted if either would be as happy when she went back, as she was before she came. Questioning them about the religious instructions and practices of the school, they said their governess took a great deal of pains about it—read plenty of prayers and plenty of sermons, and gave them very good things to learn. But it took up a great deal of their time, and was very tiresome, and most of the girls made a joke of it. The elder had found out there was no real religion but in her father's house—the younger had found out that it was much better to keep one's religion to oneself, and not make a fuss about it. With respect to the manners of my young friends, which they had more especially come hither to improve, the one was indifferent, inattentive, and lounging, almost to rudeness; the other was pert, confident and fantastical; neither bore the smallest resemblance to the elegant simplicity of their mother.

"I have told my story. Are all schools alike? Is a school education the only good or the only bad one? Must Christian mothers send their girls away from them? Are children better anywhere than in the best of homes? Was the personal inspection bestowed on Betty Wilson and Jenny Butler not due to their own children?"

"The President has conferred on the Rev. Mr. Cotton late editor of the Washington Chronicle the commission of Chaplain in the Navy, and in consequence he has left Washington, where he was universally esteemed, for Pensacola.

Major Henry Lee, the recalled Consul General at Algiers, on his return to the United States. He brings with him, it is said, treasures to an immense amount, deposited with him for safe keeping by wealthy Algerines, during the siege of the city. By his commissions, and by falling heir to the killed, wounded and missing, he has, according to report, amassed an immense fortune.

MISCELLANY.

AMERICA.

Extract from Douglas on the Advancement of Society.

The influence of America has been limited by the monopolies of the mother countries, and the yoke they have imposed upon their colonies; but as the last of these fetters is nearly broken, and the new world is left to take its own course, open to all the influences that have arisen upon mankind, and free from those clogs, the broken shackles of former times, which still impeded the march of Europe, it will soon display the spirit of modern times rising with fresh vigour from the bosom of new nations, moulding to its own will, and filling with its own genius the nascent communities of the new continent. America is to modern Europe, what its western colonies were to Greece, the land of aspirations and dreams, the country of daring enterprise, and the asylum of misfortune, which receives alike the exile and the adventurer, the discontented and the aspiring, and promises to all a freer life, and a fresher nature.

The European emigrant might believe himself as one transported to a new world, governed by new laws, and finds himself at once raised in the scale of being—the pauper is maintained by his own labour, the hired labourer works on his own account, and the tenant is a proprietor, while the depressed vassal of the old continent becomes co-legislator, and co-ruler in a government, where all power is from the people, and in the people, and for the people. The world has not witnessed an emigration like that, taking place to America; so extensive in its range, so immeasurable in its consequences, since the dispersion of mankind; or, perhaps, since the barbarians broke into the empire, when the hunter or pastoral warrior exchanged the lake of England, or the dark mountains for the vineyards and olive-yards of the Romans. 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